



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

2nd December 2020

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

Councillor Graham Barrow
Councillor Ted Johnston
Councillor Merle Hunt
Councillor Edith Jones
Councillor Emma Jones

Councillor Robin Boston
Councillor Pam Hughes
Councillor Donald Roberts
Councillor Colin Hidden
Councillor Dave Edwards

Also present: Davena Davies (Community Agent) and County Councillor Trevor Bates.

Chairman opened the meeting at 6pm

Action

01-1220 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Stephanie Masters (personal circumstances)

02-1220 Declarations of Interest

Recognition of the membership of Helping Hands by **MH, RBo, EJo, DE** and **TJ**.

03-1220 Reports

(a) Police Report

PCSO Gareth Jones had sent a short report to **SM** which summarised the criminal activity in the local area. He reported:

- Patrols will continue in the area. The Police are engaging with public regarding COVID-19 and following up reports of families coming to the Ceiriog Valley, breaking the regulations.
- The problems caused by off-road trial bikes and 4X4s continue to be an ongoing issue for the Valley as a whole. Monitoring and patrols will continue.

Merle Hunt reminded Councillors of the existence of certain scams, principally over the phone and called for extra vigilance.

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB reported:

- Food banks being expanded and to include satellite banks e.g. in Glyn Ceiriog
- Empty properties in the Valley and some opportunities and difficulties
- Provision of reconditioned (not NEW) laptops to WCBC Councillors for WCBC Zoom meetings
- Update on gritting and salt deliveries, he is arranging strategically placed bulk bags to augment the roadside salt piles
- Update on Covid 19 reports
- Update on Social Services attempts to deal with the lack of domiciliary care provision in Wrexham Borough
- Local development Plan did not get approval, WCBC seems to have no faith in it
- Julian Morris has offered to attend a Council meeting to explain the new development at Cae Mor
- Street lighting being updated

04-1220 Community Agent

DD's report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The report included the following:

- Welfare calls continue to be a priority
- Working with Adult Services to support a vulnerable adult resident
- Taking part in various training sessions. The most interesting was gambling awareness, recognising the signs of a problem and a means to help individuals
- Raffle held to raise funds to supplement the cost of Lockdown Lunches or more specifically the rise in the cost of meat. This was well supported with people giving prizes and buying tickets. A total of £337 was made
- Virtual Community Agents' meetings attended.
- Following on from my report last month on the lack of care provision available within the Ceiriog valley I have been working, along with **TB**, to raise the concerns of myself and families to WCBC. Have had some reassurance from WCBC who have explained that they are now able to confirm a pilot scheme, which is being trialled in the Ceiriog Valley. Calon Lan has been employed as the care provider and has been given a lump sum to provide help to anyone with a need of a care package. The scheme started on the 16th November and will run until the end of March 2021. I was contacted by Simon from Calon Lan and asked to advertise the staff vacancies on local Facebook pages, including Glyntraian Community Agent page, which has been done. Have since been contacted by people trying to contact Simon with reports that he never returns calls. Having reported this back to **TB** and WCBC I was told that people with an interest should apply online, which is against what Simon asked, but is what was duly done by

a couple of interested applicants. There had still been no response. Councillors suggested **DD** discuss the “woeful” welfare provision in the Valley further with Simon Hughes.

- Following on from the write-up in the paper about a food bank within the area, I have been approached by Oswestry and Borders food bank and have been offered some help with this. Trevor also has been in touch with Wrexham food bank and I should be able to report more in the new year.
- We have been gifted a Christmas tree from M&B fencing to stand in the grounds of the Oliver Jones Hall. Eifion has said he will once again supply the tree for inside the Hall.
- The Art Club has painted the Hall windows and lighting will be added very soon.
- The last Lockdown Lunch for 2020 will be 18th December and we are hopefully going to give a small giftbag of goodies to each recipient to include a token to commemorate Lockdown Lunches. I have asked Aled Lewis if he would make 90 baubles in various shapes out of wood and I have asked Sarah and the Art Club to decorate them and include the wording ‘Lockdown Lunch Christmas 2020’ on them. Both have agreed to help and did seem pleased to have been asked to help.

05-1220 Correspondence

SM had received:

- Notification of s137 discretionary expenditure for 2021-2022 of £8.41 per elector. WCBC sending a copy of the updated electoral register (01/12/2020) for Glyntraian.
- Phone call from Mary Jones in Denbigh regarding a box for memorial crosses at the Pontfadog war memorial. A member of her family visits the war memorial every year. The family had put a tin by the memorial to hold the remembrance cross, but this has been removed by someone. Matthew Masters will make a new box for the memorial in time for Remembrance Day next year. Advised Mrs Jones and I received a letter from her thanking the Council.
- Letter from solicitors Roger Parry and Partners enclosing a copy of the site notice regarding a proposed planning application at Cae Mor for an organic free-range egg production unit. Discussed later in meeting.
- An email from Sovereign offering a free quote and 3D design with no obligation, for any outdoor recreation projects Council is considering in the next 12 months. Discussed later in meeting.

06-1220 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 11th November 2020

(a) Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2020 were reviewed and approved as a true and correct record. Proposed by DR and seconded by DE. All agreed.

(b) Matters Arising

- **SM** has sent Council’s social media contacts to Sgt Katie Davies.
- **SM** still waiting for a response from the Bowls Club about Council’s proposal to provide a loan for legal costs. **SM** to chase again.
- **DD** asked if there was any news on the Culvert leading to Bro Dewi

07-1220 Finance Report

A financial report had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting detailing the account balances, receipts and what had been paid. A schedule of items for payment totalling £ 395.39 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed and approved. No expenditure on salaries was listed as these had already been included in the finance report for 11th November 2020 meeting.

SM had advised Councillors prior to the meeting that donations for Helping Hands are being held as allocated funds in the Community Agent account until a separate account has been opened.

08-1220 Dolywern Playground

Cllr Ted Johnston agreed to take lead and will contact Ralph Bennett for assistance. Agreed to meet with Sovereign 16/12/2020

09-1220 CCTV in Pontfadog and Dolywern

No decision had been taken. Research and discussion to continue.

10-1220 Planning

The pending Cae Mor planning application was discussed. Councillors were encouraged to assess the plans with a view to commenting individually to solicitors Roger Parry and Partners. The Council will review the plans once a formal planning application has been made to WCBC. The Council need to understand Julian Morris' timetable before inviting him to (maybe) the February meeting, COVID-19 and Webex permitting.

11-1220 AOB

Cllr Dave Edwards agreed to be the Council's representative for One Voice Wales.

Next meeting will be on 6th January 2021 at 6pm

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